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September 17, 2007

Laura Hendrix
Ravalli County Planning Office
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Dear Laura:

As a written follow-up to you from my letter dated August 9, 2007, I wish to know your response of the anticipated streamside setback requirement for the 1.5 acre parcel up Laird Creek, where the cabin burned during the fires of 2000. The final draft document states under "Process of construction" – "a residential structure is determined to be in the process of construction if there is either an existing foundation, wastewater treatment system and well in the ground on the effective date of this Regulation, or a valid permit has been secured that specifies the location of the foundation, wastewater treatment system and well on the effective date of this Regulation."

Enclosed please find photos of the existing well, septic location, and corner where the cabin had been constructed. Also enclosed is a copy from the book Fires of 2000, where former owner Mr. Snyder is shown cleaning up debris following the fire, to verify a cabin did exist at that location. The well and septic are there, but the foundation was not a perimeter foundation. Will this satisfy the requirement?

Thanks kindly for a prompt reply.

Sincerely,



Merle Unruh
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Victor, MT 59875

Cc: Ravalli County Commissioners
Ravalli County Environmental Health Dept.



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SULA COMPLEX John Snyder lifts a scorched wheelbarrow from the ashes of the summer home near Sula that he and wife Alberta had owned for three decades.



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